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SUBJECT: MEETING BETWEEN FONMIN ARENALES AND HMG REP. AMERY

1. DURING CONVERSATION MORNING AUGUST 8, FONMIN ARENALES GAVE ME RUNDOWN HIS MEETING WITH AMERY IN NEW YORK, CHARACTERIZING TALKS AS "FRANK AND USEFUL." DETAILS TALKS AS DESCRIBED BY ARENALES ESSENTIALLY SAME AS REPORTED STATE 153487.

2. ARENALES SAID HE MADE IT CLEAR TO BRITISH REPS THAT MEETINGS WERE STRICTLY INFORMAL AND SECRET AND THAT HE WOULD DENY THEY HAD BEEN HELD IF ANY PUBLICITY ENSUED, BUT THAT HE INTENDED TO GIVE AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA A RUNDOWN ON TALKS. ARENALES SAID HE HAD MADE IT CLEAR TO BRITISH THAT GOG WANTED TO KEEP SUBJECT OF BELIZE ABSOLUTELY DORMANT UNTIL AFTER MARCH 73 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS BUT HAD TOLD THEM FRANKLY THAT IF PRICE MADE ANY MOVE THAT COULD BE INTERPRETED AS A CONCRETE MOVE TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE DURING THE INTERVENING PERIOD, GOG, FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL REASONS, WOULD HAVE TO RESPOND THROUGH MILITARY ACTION EVEN THOUGH SUCH ACTION MIGHT BE "SUICIDAL."

3. WITH REGARD TO POSSIBLE CAMPAIGN BY COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN NATIONS DURING UPCOMING UNGA, ARENALES SAID HE
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TOLD BRITISH THAT SUCH ACTION WOULD REQUIRE HIM, AGAIN FOR

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DOMESTIC POLITICAL REASONS, TO MAKE STRONG STATEMENTS
BEFORE ASSEMBLY--STATEMENTS THAT, HE FELT, WOULD REDUCE
POSSIBILITY OF PROGRESS ON BELIZE ISSUE IN THE FUTURE. IN
THIS REGARD, ARENALES ASKED ME TO TRANSMIT TO THE DEPT
HIS REQUEST FOR OUR "COOPERATION" IN ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE
HMG AND COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN NATIONS NOT TO MAKE A CON-
CERTED CAMPAIGN ON BELIZE ISSUE IN UNGA, AS HE BELIEVED
SUCH A CAMPAIGN WOULD BE TO EVERYONE'S DETRIMENT.

4. ARENALES SAID HE TOLD BRITISH HE THOUGH RESUMPTION
FORMAL TALKS BETWEEN GOG AND HMG (BUT EXCLUDING GOBH)
COULD BEGIN IN PERIOD BETWEEN MARCH ELECTIONS AND JULY
INAUGURATION OF NEW GOVT, AT WHICH TIME GOG WOULD
REVEAL TO BRITISH THE GUATEMALAN FORMULA ON WHICH
NEGOTIATIONS COULD PROCEED. (ALTHOUGH I GAVE ARENALES
OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS PROPOSED FORMULA, HE DID NOT
DO SO.) ARENALES SAID THAT IN DISCUSSING POSSIBLE REOPENING
OF NEGOTIATIONS HE EMPHASIZED TO BRITISH THAT GUATEMALA
WOULD NEED SOME TOKEN REDUCTION IN BRITISH GARRISON IN
BELIZE ("PERHAPS 10 OR 15 PERCENT") WHICH, DOMESTICALLY,
WOULD GIVE GOVT BASIS FOR RENEWING TALKS WHICH
HAD BEEN BROKEN OFF, WITH GREAT PUBLICITY, BECAUSE OF
INCREASES IN BRITISH TROOP STRENGTH IN BH.
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